

Our St. Paul

Oct 2020





YOUR St. Paul Team

Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor

Craig Bielke, Director of Faith Formation & Care

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Rachel Budko, Director of Mother's Day Out

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Technology by bringing

Online Giving to our church.

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Church electronically and pay
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your bank account information.

Simply log on to **stpaulucc.org**

and click the "Online Giving"

button and follow the

instructions. You can use this

form of donating towards the
Heritage Hall, Operating Fund,

Building, Radio,

a Memorial and more.

When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospitals to notify the church office. Also please telephone the church Office regarding hospitalized members of the St. Paul faith family. The pastor and visitation team will visit church members and their families each week. If you have a new addition to your family, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

Your communication is crucial to our ministry!

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Pastor's Message

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. - - Jeremiah 29:4-7

This text keeps coming to mind as we work to open not only the sanctuary, but also other parts of our communities.

The people from Judah were deported from their homeland due to the Babylonians exiling them from their homes. We have the opposite issue: we are staying closer to home now probably more than ever.

But what I love about the prophets in the Hebrew Bible is that there is hope and encouragement of a way forward. Walter Brueggemann says in his book *An Introduction to the Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination* "It is clear that the makers of the book of Jeremiah did not know the way ahead. It is equally clear, however, that they did not doubt that there was a way ahead."

And like the people of Judah, we may feel like we are walking in a surreal life. In some aspects, we may feel like we are in exile. But I know there is a way ahead. Like the people deported from Judah, God wants us to thrive in the wilderness.

So now we must figure out how to build a life co-existing with COVID-19. Step by step, we are called to build and plant, continue our rituals in modified ways, create, and seek the well-being of our communities and people with whom we share this mutual experience.

Some of you have made masks for our neighbors; others are masking up and working at the food pantry. Some of you are learning the new ways of ushering at St. Paul UCC; others of you who are still participating in events like the Alzheimer's walk this month but with a smaller group and a few feet apart. These are all ways we build, create, and seek the welfare of the city in which we live during a pandemic.

Granted, building a life in the emotional, spiritual, and physical diasporas does not look the same as before. But in our temporary new normal, God is present, and God wants us to create a world that is good for everyone: "for in its welfare, you will find your welfare."

As each day passes, we see that there are ways ahead, and this is incredibly hopeful! We see that we are called to share our gifts to build our communities and help our neighbors who are struggling. I suppose 2020 has been just this: it's given us 20/20 vision for what is important, knowing that we are resilient and can continue to create in a world in which we all thrive.

Blessings, Pastor Michelle

From The President's Corner

Welcome to October! As we start this new month and the official beginning of fall as well, I'm sure we all wonder where summer went. I'm sure we'll see a continued cool down as the days continue getting shorter and the nights longer. With this in mind, I hope everyone is doing well as we all continue to take all the recommended precautions and safety measures to combat the coronavirus disease.

As I have repeated before, we're still meeting and conducting most of our church activities on a regular basis through our established Teams, the Executive Council and the Council itself using our virtual mediums. However, this takes a concerted and vigorous effort on the part of many of our members and our supportive church staff who do what is needed for our church without hesitation. No better evidence of that is the Worship Team starting with Pastor Michelle, that continues to produce our Sunday virtual services, our Zoom fellowship hours and the many other things we all enjoy through that medium. Continued thanks also to Dr. Bill Wade and John Posth and our church choir who put in several hours each week to produce our wonderful music that we all enjoy each Sunday morning. The members of the choir who are in the Bell group also continue to practice faithfully every week. I hope you all saw their excellent performance on one of our recent Sunday morning virtual services.

On a continued bright note, our outdoor services have been quite successful except for some unwanted weather intrusions. We now plan to continue those through the last Sunday in October. Those services that are held in October will begin at 4 PM rather than 6 PM due to the shorter days and the cooler weather we are likely to experience then. Our outside communion service held in conjunction with the 1st Sunday outdoor service in September was quite well received. We continue to follow all of the rules outside to protect us from the virus including masks and social distancing. If you haven't been yet, hopefully you can make one of the outdoor services as everyone seems to enjoy them.

I also want to mention again that our church office reopening has worked out quite well for everyone. If you have business that requires you to visit the church, please enter through the office doors on the B Street side. If you can, please call the church office before arrival so they will be expecting you. And don't forget your mask! You will be signed in and out and have your temperature checked.

I did want to mention that the project to assemble a mobile shelving filing system on the second floor has just been completed. This will be used to file all of the years of accumulated choir sheet music which is now stored in a large number of filing cabinets in the same room where the choir Bell equipment is now stored. Then later, the empty filing cabinets will be removed for other church usage or declared excess. This then should result in additional space for the Bell equipment and other related choir usages. Thanks to Bill Wade and his team of volunteers for traveling to Kansas City to procure and return with the disassembled filing system and for Laura Strohm and her Property team for finding a contractor to successfully assemble it!

As I continue to say each month, you can rest assured that with the coronavirus all round us, we're trying not to miss a beat continuing with the spiritual life and doing the business of the church and congregation in a fashion similar to what we've all known in the past. Thank you for all you do to support our church.

Peace to all,
Wayne Caughman, President

Update from Your Regathering Team

At this time, restrictions are still in place to reduce the number of infections. Due to the restrictions placed on the region, we are still not holding in-person worship. While we think the numbers will improve in the near future, we can't give an exact date on when we can be holding 50 in worship. We will continue to monitor the guidelines regarding COVID-19 and will keep you posted on our return to the sanctuary.

You can refamiliarize yourself with our worship protocols by watching the regathering video that we had posted on our Facebook page and website. The same information was in the letter we sent to the congregation. While worship may be somewhat different for the time being, having a modified service in the sanctuary with guidelines will still afford us the opportunity to worship together in a space that we love.

We have extended our outdoor worship service on Sundays until November 1. Since it's getting darker earlier, we will be moving the time to 4pm beginning on October 4. As always, bring a chair and wear your mask. We appreciate everyone who has been attending the services!

We are looking forward to worshipping with you in the sanctuary to share our love of God. We thank you for your flexibility, friends, and look forward with hope and anticipation.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Blessings,

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Sun	
<p>4</p> <p>9am Virtual Worship With Communion 10am St Paul Zoom Social</p> <p>4pm 1st Street Worship</p>	 <p>Join us for Sundays for outdoor worship on First Street -- Now through Nov 1!</p> <p><i>Please note the times!</i></p> <p>Sundays though Sept - <u>6pm</u> Sundays in Oct & Nov - <u>4pm</u></p> <p>Each week we have a wonderful message from Pastor Michelle & Craig Bielke and beautiful music from Dr. Bill Wade and John Posth.</p> <p>Some weeks we have special musical guests -- Oct 4th - Chris & Jillian Ritter and more to come!</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9am Virtual Worship 10am St Paul Zoom Social</p> <p>4pm 1st Street Worship</p>	
<p>18</p> <p>9am Virtual Worship 10am St Paul Zoom Social</p> <p>4pm 1st Street Worship</p>	
<p>25</p> <p>9am Virtual Worship 10am St Paul Zoom Social</p> <p>4pm 1st Street Worship</p>	

A Special
Offering for
Neighbors in
Need will be
taken at the
Oct 4th
4pm Service.

Or donate
online at
stpaulucc.org.

Or send your
offering to the
church office.

Thank you.



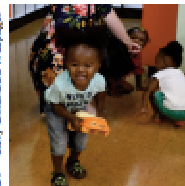
**UNLEASHING POTENTIAL (formerly Neighborhood Houses)
OF ST. LOUIS, MO**

***“Unleash[ing] the magnificent potential in
children, families and neighborhoods that leads
to a just community for all.”***

Denise Carter, early childhood education director, was well aware of a rather large need within the population served by Neighborhood Houses. Many of the families are low wage earners, 75% of them earn less than \$20,000 annually. Truthfully, some simply struggle to provide many of basic needs for their children.

To that end, she designed a program to meet the health and development needs of infants and toddlers. Thus, the “Baby Essentials” program was birthed. The main goal was to provide diapers and formula for all of the children enrolled at the early childhood education center for families who could not afford a consistent supply.

credit:
UJP - early childhood webpage.



Denise met with interim director of development, Christine Krueger, and shared her desire and need for funding. Christine went in search of those sources. She applied wherever she felt the need of the program matched the granters requirements. Fortunately, she filled out an application for a NIN direct service grant and was awarded \$3,000 in 2019.

In 2020, it was reported back to us that 100% of babies ages six weeks to 12 months received milk they needed while attending the Center. 50% of those babies also received one canister of formula per month for home consumption. Lastly, 100% of babies/toddlers ages six weeks to three years had diapers needed for Center and home use.

According to Christine, “thanks to the Neighbors in Need grant, our babies are dry and their tummies are full, and parents, who are already stressed financially, socially, and emotionally, have two less potential health issues with which to contend!”

Because of your generosity, direct service programs like that of Neighborhood Houses are grant funded, communities are strengthened, and neighbors experience love without judgment.

all children have the right to simply be children...

**Please join us in supporting the 2020 Neighbors In Need Special
Mission Offering. Thank you!**



Kindercottage is a wonderful child development program in East St. Louis which acts as a beacon of light and hope for the families and children in this area. We will be doing a collection for Kindercottage beginning October 18th and running for 3 weeks. In the next week, we will publish the list of items that are needed by Kindercottage. You can then bring these items to the First Street services on Oct 18, Oct 25 and Nov 1 and place in the large boxes. If you are unable to attend, you can bring to the church office.



2019 St Paul UCC END ALZ Team



**You can be on the
Virtual St. Paul UCC Belleville Team
for the Annual Alzheimer's Walk
on Saturday, October 3rd**

This year might look a little different,
but the goal is the same --
to END ALZHEIMER'S

- This year -
- ~join our team and send in your donation,
Team St Paul UCC Belleville!
 - ~Get your friends & family to participate
via social media,
 - ~ on Sat, Oct 3, take a pic of yourself walking
to END ALZ and send to your leader!

For questions, contact Susan Relfe
susanrelfe@att.net



October
Anniversaries

- 1 Dana Rosenzweig & Beverly Brightwell
- Andrew & Megan Kathryn Selck
- 7 Kenneth & Leslie Dahm
- 8 Bill & Sharen Guithrie
- 11 Michael & Patricia Pierce
- 21 James & Donna Thomas
- 23 Bill Wagner & Kathy Donnelly
- 26 Rick & Diana Haar
- 27 Terry & Deborah Meyer
- 29 Andrew & Brittany Elser



October Birthdays

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Leslie Dahm | 14 Beverly Juenger |
| Madison Meyer | 16 Carl Schneider |
| 2 Judith Beisiegel | 17 Kennedy Karstens |
| 3 Jack Snyder | Samuel Wagner |
| Bev Vokes | |
| 4 Jean Chamberlin | 18 Lauren Shepard |
| Quinn Collier | 19 Jim Young |
| Jay Dinkelmann | 21 Madonna Woy |
| Jack Wilson | 22 Carol Weidemann |
| 5 Caleb Miller | 23 Michael Zimmerman |
| 6 Beverly Clark | 24 Daniela Wilson |
| Allan Joellenbeck | 25 Stephenie Bauza |
| Helen Lehr | Dottie Engelsdorfer |
| Jeanne Swain | Scott Gentry |
| 8 Megan Dahm | 27 Gary Buckrod |
| Erin Wagner | 29 Fran West |
| Wilma Weisenstein | Alec Zaber |
| 12 Karen O'Hara | 30 Andrew Selck |
| 13 Candence Keplar | |
| Alan Keuss | |
| Louis Ryseff | |
| Aria Wagner | |
| Zander Wagner | |

Prayer List

Christopher Clark, Beverly Clark's son
 Mary Ann & Joe Gain, Tammy Flach's parents
 Lynn Koehler Billy Ruth Pelc
 Darwin Novak, Lou Ann Niemann's brother
 Rick Reeble, son of Sue & Larry Reeble
 Tim Ritter Joan Sackmann

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to
 pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org
 or call 233-3303

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

The following memorials and gifts have been received by St. Paul Church:
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

<u>IMO Ken Sindel</u> Mike Eckert	Marlene Foree Mr & Mrs James A. Kirsch & family Marilae Perkins Rusty & Sandy Wagner Denise Schoppet Lynn & Luci Bradley Donna Davis Lynwood & Kristine Mueller Ray & Jean Chamberlin Eileen Peter Faye Weis Archie & Amy Garces Darlene Luehder Schwab Dick & Ruth Ann Erdmann Ruth Gannaway St Paul Fireside Bob & Judy Harms Marlene Lindauer Shirley Boeschen Dolly Kirsch Bob & Joyce Dintelmann Virgina Barthel Lisa & Jim Riess Mike & Carole Thompson Gloria Strohm Jack & Barbara Olsen Barbara Beardsley Barb Suess Jane Bonaldi Pam Walton	Betty Rieso Walter Beatty Dave & Sue Hoffmann Mike Eckert Elgee & Jeanette Phillips (Choir) Judy Saeger (Music Ministry) Mimi Llamas Pam & Bruce Elser (Radio) Lynn Koehler
<u>IMO Pastor John Trnka</u> Ken & Osceola Mueller Jane Bonaldi Mike Eckert		
<u>IMO Rosemary Henke</u> Mac & Marsha McCoy Jane Bonaldi Larry Walton Mike Eckert		
<u>IMO Cordelia Neff</u> Clarence Wolf		
<u>IMO Richard Krummrich</u> Clarence Wolf		
<u>IMO Marilee Black</u> Kent Black		
<u>IMO Sally Snyder</u> (Radio) Jack Snyder		
<u>IMO Ken Oesterle</u> Clarence Wolf Stephenie Bauza Larry Walton		
		<u>IMO Marsha McCoy</u> Larry Walton Donna Davis Deborah Lippert Pam Walton (Food Pantry) Dave & Sue Hoffmann Pam Nicholson Jan Friedrich
		<u>IHO Walt & Sandy Ortmann's 50th Wedding Anniversary</u> Rick & Diane Drake
		<u>IHO Threads of Hope (Quilters)</u> Shirley Boeschen

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Aug 2020 Attendance: 201 (Outside Services)	Aug 2019
Online Services All Gifts: \$27,986.84	All Gifts: \$31,217.67
Gifts exclude MDO revenue and endowment distributions, but does include investment income.	
NOTE: July 2019 included \$40, 165 given towards the Heritage Hall project compared to only \$105 in 2020. So our offerings in 2020 without Heritage Hall are much higher.	

Revenues	<u>2020 Final Budget</u>	<u>2020 Aug Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	\$411,574.22	\$22,682.00	\$257,126.61	62.47%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$111,535.00	(\$760.00)	\$44,841.75	40.20%
MDO Fundraiser / Memorials	\$0.00	(\$30.00)	\$1,775.94	N/A
Special Stewardship Events	\$3,000.00	(\$1,009.00)	\$2,359.00	78.63%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,600.00	\$875.00	\$6,475.00	67.45%
Building Fund	\$24,500.00	\$1,353.00	\$17,960.00	73.31%
Outreach / Various Missions	\$0.00	\$2,025.00	\$19,779.00	N/A
Memorials	\$13,000.00	\$706.00	\$6,123.00	47.10%
Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
Building Income	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,381.00	21.65%
Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$875.00	58.33%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$10,620.00	\$0.00	\$11,360.00	106.97%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,361.28	83.94%
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	\$27,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Other Income	\$6,500.00	\$8.09	\$67,649.99	1040.77%
Total Operating Revenues	\$689,929.22	\$25,850.09	\$489,067.57	70.89%
Team Revenues	\$20,000.00	\$172.75	\$12,033.38	
Capital Expenses			\$0.00	
HH Window Repair & Paint			2,945.00	
Grand Total	\$709,929.22	\$26,022.84	\$501,100.95	70.58%
Expenses				
Personnel	(\$342,588.22)	(25,120.61)	(211,197.14)	61.65%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(45,550.00)	(3,860.31)	(27,743.31)	60.91%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(15,100.00)	(3,816.98)	(28,376.93)	187.93%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(2,500.00)	0.00	(262.88)	10.52%
Stewardship	(1,600.00)	(189.48)	(715.74)	44.73%
Property	(179,081.00)	(14,062.84)	(95,325.48)	53.23%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(11,975.00)	(145.92)	(3,889.64)	32.48%
MDO	(111,535.00)	(925.47)	(51,774.65)	46.42%
General Fund		0.00	(160.00)	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(709,929.22)	(48,121.61)	(419,445.77)	59.08%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses		(22,098.77)	81,655.18	

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Sundays 9am Worship - online
 10am Zoom Social Hour
 6pm First Street Summer Worship

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1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACEBOOK -**
Like us at *St. Paul United Church of Christ Belleville, IL*

2) **Go to stpaulucc.org**
- and you will find: videos of services, sermons, archives, and much more!!

3) **Listen to the radio! 690am**
9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

4) **Sign up for the eNews (Newsletter)!**
Call the church office or
email tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org
Praying for your health and well-being!

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VIRTUAL FLOWERS, MUSIC & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS

**Flower, Music and Bulletin
sponsorship are STILL available -
now ONLINE!**

Sign up now to sponsor virtual flowers, music or
bulletin each week by contacting the church office.

Online sponsorship will be in
eNews and Bulletin of chosen week.

\$30 for the sponsorship goes to help St. Paul Church.
Your sponsorship is a lovely way to honor the memory
or achievement of your loved one. Please consider
sponsoring flowers, music or bulletins for either
Sunday worship service.